



By the King.

A Proclamation for setting the Company of Apothecaries of London, And for reforming abuses in that Art.



Hereas, out of Our Royall care for the health and preservation of Our Subiects, wee thought fit, vpon great aduise, to separate the Apothecaries of London, from the Company of Grocers, and sundry others, whereof they had formerly beene Members, for that it was conuenient, that that Company should haue a speciall relation and dependencie vpon the Colledge of Physitians, and in that respect differed from the generall case of other Companies, and thereupon did by Our Charter, vnder Our great Seale of England, incorporate the Apothecaries into one Bodie, distinct and separate from all other Societies in London: Whereby we did also inuest them with diuers powers and priuiledges, for the rectifying and well ordering of that Art and Facultie, which formerly had beene promiscuously assumed and taken vpon by sundry Emperickes, and vnerpert persons. With no small danger to the life and bodies of Our Subiects. And whereas the said Company of Apothecaries, according to the power to them giuen by Our said Charter, haue made and set downe, by the aduise of the learned Physitians, sundry good and wholesome acts and ordinances, for the good gouernment of the said Company, & for redresse of the abuses heretofore practised in that Art: which said ordinances haue beene hithence duly approued of by Our Chancelor of England, late Treasurer, and the chiefe Justice of Our Bench, according to the Statutes in that case provided. And whereas by Our Proclamation, dated the sixe and twentieth day of Aprill, in the sixteenth yeere of Our Reigne of England, wee declared Our Royall pleasure touching a booke compiled by the Colledge of Physitians of London, (now the second time reuiwed, corrected, and imprinted) entitled *Pharmacopœia Londinensis*; whereby to auoyd the various formes of compounding Medicines, then vsed according to each mans fancie, wee required all Apothecaries to compound and make their Medicines or medicinable Receipts, and to distill all Oyles, Waters, and Extractions therein mentioned, after those wayes and meanes onely prescribed by the said Booke. By which Proclamation also (the better to secure Our Subiects from the danger of vnskilfull Artists) wee straitly commanded, That no person of any Art or profession, (other then the said Apothecaries so incorporated) should put to sale any physicall Composition prescribed by the said Booke, nor any other Medicine, within the city of London, or seven miles thereof.

Wee therefore minding that Our said Charter and Proclamation, together with the said ordinances, and last imprinted Booke, should be hereafter fully and duely obserued, haue thought fit elsloones to expresse Our selfe and Royall pleasure therein, hereby straightly charging and commanding, That no person or persons whatsoeuer, shall sell, compound, or

make any Medicine or medicinable Receipt, nor shall sell or distill any Oyles, waters, or other Extractions, to put to sale within Our citie of London, or seven miles thereof, but such Apothecaries onely as either now are, or hereafter shall be Members and Freemen of the sayd Company, and shall embrace the benefite of Our said Charter, and conforme themselves thereunto, and to the Ordinances of the said Company, and shall take the Oath thereby appointed to every member thereof, for the observation of the said Ordinances, and practise of the sayde Art, vpon paine of Our high displeasure, and such penalties as by the Lawes and Statutes of this Our Realme, or by Our Prerogative Royall, may be inflicted on such offenders in Our high Court of Star-chamber, for their contempt of Our Will and commandement, in a case of this nature and consequence, wherein we will expect and require all strict conformitie and obedience. And neuerthelesse, forasmuch as an order (vpon deliberate hearing) hath beene lately conceiued, and set downe betweene the Grocers and Apothecaries of London, by vertue of a Reference from Us, to Our Chancelor of England, the Earle of Suffolke Our late Lord Treasurer, the Lord Steward of Our Household, the Earle of Kelley, the Chancelor of Our Exchequer, Our two chiefe Iustices, Our Atturney and Sollicitor generall, to whom wee referred the hearing, ordering, and ending of sundry differences, for the settling and reconciling of the said differences betweene the said Grocers and Apothecaries: To the end therefore, that all complaints and differences betweene them, may hereafter be fully and finally determined: wee doe hereby ratifie and confirme the said order, and doe likewise declare and explaine, that Our said Charter, Proclamation, and former restraint shall be put in execution, according to the limitations, and qualifications of the said last order, which we haue giuen direction forthwith to be enrolled in Our Court of Chancerie: And doe further straitly charge and command all, and every person and persons whatsoever, whom it may concerne, that they, and every one of them duely obserue the same, vnder the like penalties herein before mentioned: And that no person, of what condition soener, presume hereafter by Petition, or otherwise to moue or trouble Us, for alteration of the said order, or any part thereof, beeing so deliberately and aduisedly set downe as aforesayd, wee beeing fully resolved with Our selfe, severely to punish all such persons, which out of their contentious or refractorie spirits, shall attempt to infringe the same, vpon any colour or pretext whatsoever. And lastly, wee will and require all Mayors, Sheriffes, Iustices of Peace, Bayliffes, Constables, Headboroughes, and other Our Officers and Ministers, to be ayding and assisting to the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the Apothecaries of London, in the execution of this Our seruice, as they tender the same, and will answere for the contrarie.

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God saue the King.

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